

## SIXTY TEACHERS ON PENSION LIST

First Assignments Under New Law  
Are Made By State Board of Education—Names of Beneficiaries Not Given Out.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—Some sixty teachers have been placed on the pension list by the State Board of Education. It is understood that five of these come from the city of Richmond, and in another instance three come from one county. Information as to the names or residence of the teachers was denied newspaper men, and it is impossible to learn just how many, if any negroes, were put on the list.

It will not be necessary to pro-rate the pensions, as the funds in sight or in hand will suffice to give each teacher half of the salary she has heretofore obtained.

The statute provides that no beneficiary shall receive over \$400, and no school principal over \$500. Many of the rural educators do not receive over \$400 for their entire session's work, so the limitation mentioned will in no way affect them. And \$400 will come pretty near representing half of the maximum salaries paid in Virginia.

The pension fund is procured by taxing each teacher 1 per cent. of his or her salary and by a supplementary appropriation of \$5,000 a year from the State. In all this makes a fund representing about \$25,000 per annum, which probably will not be completely exhausted this year.

All those who applied for the pensions did not get them. Some applicants, unfortunately, had retired from service just before the statute became effective, and it could not be made to act retrospectively in their case.

## 700,000 ACRES LAND WIPED OUT

Adjustment of Buchanan County Tax Shows Same Lands to Have Been Assessed Various Owners—No Falling Off in Values.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—Buchanan county is one of the few counties in the State which has more land returned for taxation than there is land in the county.

For years, as a result of litigation, several large tracts of land have been returned by various claimants, and in some instances the taxes have been paid, and in that way the acreage of the county was made to appear several times its actual size.

This year, as compared with last year, there has been a shrinkage in the eastern district of the county of some 700,000 acres, and while the county has lost that much—that is, one-half the county has decreased that amount in acreage—the tax lists show an increase in valuation of more than \$1,500,000.

The books for the western district of the county have not yet been carefully examined, but if the proportion of land disappearance continues in that as in the eastern district the county will have lost more than 1,400,000 acres, and the value of that which has been listed for taxation will show an increase of more than \$2,000,000.

The clerks in the auditor's office are engaged in seeing just who has lost land, the number of acres and the value thereof. It is a tough job, but they are working on the case.

Acres. Value.  
1907—2,403,925 \$7,044,299  
1908—1,702,270 \$9,511,717

TWO QUARTS OF BEANS  
KILLS A BOSTON MAN

GREENWICH, CONN.—Special.—In an effort, it is said, to get his money's worth out of a class-dinner employer, John Yates, a former Bostonian, employed on the farm of George Edge of this town, ate two quarts of baked beans at dinner Saturday, and as a result died at the Greenwich General Hospital yesterday.

STOLE THE GOLD TROPHY  
THAT AMERICA WON

LONDON.—Special.—Scotland Yard detectives are searching London pawnshops for the gold medal which was won by the American rifle team in the Olympic shoot at Helsingfors. The costly trophy was stolen from the rooms of General James A. Dray, president of the American Rifle Association, at the Victoria Hotel. At the same time jewelry belonging to Mrs. Dray was stolen.



## LIQUOR LICENSE PROOF OF GUILT

Virginia Supreme Court Makes Far-  
Reaching Ruling in Lancaster  
County Case—Upholds the  
Mann Law.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—Sustaining the Circuit Court of Lancaster county in the case of H. H. Runde vs. the Commonwealth, the Supreme Court of Appeals has handed down a far-reaching opinion on the liquor question, the effect of which is that the mere possession by any person of a license from the United States government for the privilege of selling ardent spirits is prima facie evidence of violation of the State liquor laws. The court construes the section of the Mann bill bearing on this point to mean what it says, and its validity is strongly upheld. The case is one of much interest, and was fought to the highest court for the purpose of testing the law and settling its status once and for all.

Runde, who is a resident of Lancaster county, had procured a United States license from Collector M. K. Lowry, and this fact became known to Rev. Mr. Walton, a Presbyterian preacher of Lancaster. The latter wrote to Mr. Lowry for a verification of the report, and he received a certificate from the collector stating that he had issued a license to Runde.

Rev. Porter Hardy, a Methodist minister in the neighborhood, carried this certificate before the grand jury at its next term, and upon the strength thereof, unsupported by any other testimony, Runde was indicted for committing a misdemeanor.

The case was tried more than a year ago before Judge T. R. H. Wright. Runde being found guilty by the petit jury and fined \$100.

## MUST CARRY NEW YORK AND INDIANA TO WIN

The New York World Says:  
McClellan in 1864 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.  
Seymour in 1868 carried New York, but lost Indiana. He was defeated.

Greeley in 1872 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Tilden in 1876 carried New York and Indiana. He was not seated, but almost no student of American politics now doubts that he was honestly elected.

Hancock in 1880 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Cleveland in 1884 carried New York and Indiana. He was elected.

Cleveland in 1888 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Cleveland in 1892 carried New York and Indiana. He was elected.

Bryan in 1896 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Bryan in 1900 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

Parker in 1904 lost New York and Indiana. He was defeated.

In fifty years no Democratic candidate for President has been elected who did not carry both New York and Indiana. Since Jackson's day no Democratic candidate for President who carried both New York and Indiana has been defeated.

West Point has had another losing upheaval, and eight young men have been suspended on charges of hazing. The pictures of seven of them are here shown. They are, from top to bottom: William T. Russell, William S. (of Virginia), H. G. Weaver, James A. Gillespie, George W. Chase, William W. Prude and Hyron Q. Jones.

## RYAN PAYS HALF THE TAXES OF A COUNTY

LOVINGSTON, VA.—Special.—Personal property books for the county of Nelson have been filed in the clerk's office for only a short while. These books show that Thomas F. Ryan, the Nelson county millionaire, is paying nearly half the taxes on personal property of the county. The total personal property tax for the county, according to the new books, is about \$27,000. Of this amount Mr. Ryan pays about \$12,000. His taxes for the year 1908 are nearly three times as much as for the year 1907, his taxes for that year having been about \$5,000. Mr. Ryan now pays taxes on the sum of \$1,000,000 as capital invested. Under this head for the year 1907 he paid on \$350,000. He pays this year the same income tax as for last year, to-wit, \$150,000.

When seen by a reporter, Mr. Wilkinson was sitting in his store door, talking with some friends about his affliction. Opticians and oculists, a half dozen in number, have examined the eyes of Mr. Wilkinson, but as yet none has done him the slightest good.

"I looked at the eclipse with my naked eyes first," said Mr. Wilkinson. "Almost immediately afterward I looked through a piece of smoked glass. It was then that I was blinded. I could not see a wink for sometime. Finally the nerves became a trifle better, and I could discern objects a few feet away from me. However, I fear my eyes will never be the same again."

Opticians who examined Mr. Wilkinson's eyes declare that the nerves are gone, but there is a chance if he would secure the proper sort of glasses.

The sudden destruction of the man's eye nerves has caused him great worry, as without his eyes he could not properly attend to his business.

The doctors who have examined this pair of eyes declare they never in their lives saw a case quite like it.

THE HAGUE.—Special.—The bitterness of the feeling at Willemstad, Curacao, against Venezuela is evidenced in a dispatch from the governor of Curacao which announces that a vessel chartered by President Castro's brother and laden with sugar, which arrived at Willemstad, was obliged to leave that port without disposing of its cargo. The merchants whose trade has been injured by President Castro's order regarding transshipment of merchandise at Willemstad refuse absolutely to purchase the sugar in question.

THE YOUNG LADY BRUTALLY  
ASSAULTED NEAR GUILFORD

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Special.—Oscar Stanfield, a negro boy living in Greensboro, was placed in jail on a warrant from a Guilford College magistrate charging him with attempt at criminal assault upon Miss Myrtle Edgerton at Guilford College about noon.

The young lady was in the road near her mother's residence at Guilford College, when the negro made a desperate attempt at assault.

The girl made an outcry, and persons running to her assistance caused the negro to run. He was captured and bound bound over without bond.

The negro is about 16 years of age, and is not very bright.

The community is greatly excited and outraged at the attempted crime.

DUTCH REFUSE TO BUY  
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THE GIRL WAS PASSING ALONG THE road when the negro sprang from a clump of weeds, and after knocking her down immediately went in pursuit of the negro, and following his capture the black was taken before the young lady, who identified him.

## RECEIVED SHOCK OF 400,000 VOLTS

Tiny Stream of Rainwater Makes In-  
ventor's Body a Conductor of  
Electricity—Spark Leaped to  
His Neck With Great  
Explosion.

BROOKLYN.—Special.—After serving as a conductor for 400,000 volts of electricity on Thursday night, M. Gaston Lacomme, of 174 Smith Street, Brooklyn was up and about his business Friday as usual. He is the inventor of the Human Roulette Wheel, just installed at Happyland, Staten Island, and it was while making a test of the whirling disc that he miraculously escaped being shocked to death. He says that a tiny stream of water saved his life.

Lacomme was sitting between two switchboards on an insulated chair, and as his clothing was damp from the rain he formed a good conductor for an electric current. The positive switchboard was at his back, and a leak in the roof alongside the negative switchboard caused a tiny rivulet to form, and it worked its way a fraction of an inch per second until it was stopped by the soles of Lacomme's shoes.

Instantly a spark forty inches long leaped out with a great explosion, making connection from the back of Lacomme's neck in the positive switchboard. He says that if the amperage had been appreciable he would have been instantly killed. But the little stream of water continued in the direction of the positive board, and when within forty inches the current was short circuited. It left the fainting electrician and formed a connection from the ground to the positive switchboard.

"I was afraid to move," said Lacomme, "because of the possibility of forming a short circuit, which would have sent me to heaven in less than a second. I felt as though I had sat there twenty years."

The drops of water falling from that leak in the ceiling sounded like the beats of a bass drum in my ears, while the spark flashing out from the back of my neck was like the booming of cannon."

Wants 7,000 Men for Harvest.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Special.—The San Railroad placed an order with the State Free Employment Bureau for 7,000 men. They are wanted as harvest hands in Minnesota and North Dakota, and the wages offered run from \$2 to \$4 a day, with board. Under the order several hundred men have already been placed.

## WEEKLY SHORT STORY

THE ETIQUETTE OF CARDS.

By Barry Pain.

About a year ago Mary and myself had a little difference of opinion. I mentioned to her that we had no visiting cards.

"Of course not," she said. "The idea of such a thing." She spoke rather hastily.

"Why do you say 'of course not'?" I replied, quietly. "Visiting cards are, I believe, in common use among ladies and gentlemen."

She said she did not see what that had to do with it.

"It has just this much to do with it," I answered, "that I do not intend to go without visiting cards another day."

"What's the use?" she asked. "We never call on anybody, and nobody ever calls on us."

"Is Miss Sakers nobody?"

"Well, she's never left a card here, and she really is a lady by birth, and can prove it. She just asks the girl to say she's been here, and it's nothing of importance, when she doesn't call me in. If she can do without cards, we can. You'd much better go by her."

"Thank you. I have my own ideas of propriety, and I do not take them from Miss Sakers. I shall order fifty of each sort from Amrod's this morning."

"Then that makes a hundred cards wasted."

"Either you cannot count," I said, "or you have yet to learn that there are three sorts of cards used by married people—the husband's cards, the wife's cards, and the cards with both names on them."

"Go it!" said Mary. "Get a card for the cat as well. She knows a lot more cats than we know people."

I could have given a fairly sharp retort to that, but I preferred to remain absolutely silent. I thought it might show Mary that she was becoming rather vulgar. Silence is often the best rebuke. However, Mary went on:

"Mother would hate it. I know that. To talk about cards, with the last lot of coal not paid for—I call it wickedness."

I simply walked out of the house, went straight down to Amrod's and ordered those cards. When the time comes for me to put my foot down, I can generally put it down as well as most people. No one could be easier to live with than I am, and I am sure Mary has found it so; but what I say is, if a man is not master in his own house, then where is he?

Amrod printed the cards while I waited. I had them done in the Old English character, I suggested some little decoration to give them a tone—an ivy leaf in the corner, or a little flourish under the name—but Amrod was opposed to this. He seemed to think it was not essential, and it would have been charged extra, and also he had nothing of the kind in stock. So I let that pass.

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The cards looked very well as they were, a little plain and formal perhaps, but very clean (except in the case of a few where the ink had rubbed), and very gratifying to one's natural self-respect.

That evening I took a small cardboard box that contained candles, and packed in it a few carefully selected flowers from the garden, and one of our cards. On the card I wrote, "with kindest love from" just above the names, and posted it to Mary's mother.

So far was Mary's mother from being offended that she sent Mary a present of a postal order for five dollars, three pounds of pressed beef, and a nicely worked apron.

On glancing over that sentence, I see that it is, perhaps, a little ambiguous. The postal order was for the dollars alone—not for the beef or the apron.

I only mention the incident to show whether, in this case, Mary or I was right.

I put a few of my own cards in my letter-case, and the rest were packed away in a drawer. A few weeks afterwards I was annoyed to find Mary using some of her cards for winding silks. She said that it did not prevent them from being used again, if they were ever wanted.

"Pardon me," I said, "but cards for social purposes should not be bent or frayed at the edge, and can hardly be too clean. Oblige me by not doing that again."

That evening Mary told me that No. 14 had been taken by some people called Popworth.

"That must be young Popworth, who used to be in our office," I said. "I heard that he was going to be married this year. You must certainly call and leave cards."

"Which sort, and how many?"

"Without referring to a book, I can hardly say precisely. These things are very much a matter of taste. Leave enough—say one of each sort for each person in the house. There should be no stint."

"How am I to know how many persons are there?"

"Ask the butcher with whom they deal."

On the following day I remarked that Popworth must have come in for money, to be taking so large a house, and I hoped she had left the cards.

"I asked the butcher, and he said there was Popworth, his wife, two sisters, a German friend, and eleven children. That was sixteen persons, and made forty-eight cards altogether. You see, I remembered your rule."

"My dear Mary," I said, "I told you as plainly as possible that it was a matter of taste. You ought not to have left forty-eight at once."

"Oh, I couldn't keep running backwards and forwards leaving a few at a time. I've got something else to do. There's three pairs of your socks in the basket waiting to be darned, as it is!"

"And, good Heavens! That Popworth can't be my Popworth. If he's only married this year, he can't in the nature of things have eleven children. And a house like this can't call on a house like that without a something to justify it."

"That's what I thought."

"Then, what on earth did you call for?"

"I didn't. Who said I did?"

I gave a sigh of relief. Later in the evening, when Mary took a card, noticed a bit out of each side, and began winding silk on it, I thought it wiser to say nothing. It is better sometimes to pretend not to see things.

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